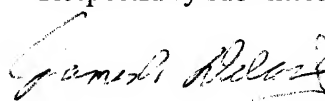


REMARKS

In this paper, claim 40 is currently amended. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-44 are pending.

Claim 40 has been amended to correct a clerical error. Claim 40 should depend from claim 36 rather than from claim 39.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James A. Deland", written in dark ink.

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